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PUC squashes year 2000 bug

DAREN SAMPLAWSKI
Staff Writer

As the new millennium looms near, PUC faces the challenge of the Y2K Bug. No, it's not a new species of insect that escaped from the biology lab, it's a software and hardware problem that has the potential to disrupt computer PUC computer operations. Fortunately, the university is currently preparing to deal with conceivable problems with theYear 2000 Compliance Project.

PUC has already taken appropriate steps to counter any effects of the problem. According to Dr. William Verbrugge, assistant vice-chancellor of information and instructional technologies, "Key student information systems operational needs are met and compliant." Important student records such as financial aid, transcripts, and registration data are stored on Y2K compliant computers.

> **"Year 2000 Compliance Project has high priority in the university system."**
> De Borah Williams, PUC analyst programmer and Project 2000 team leader

Project 2000 is PUC's answer to the year 2000 anomaly or Y2K Bug. The project is a team of computer professionals and students working to ensure that critical computer systems are ready for Jan. 1, 2000.

Jan. 1, 2000, is the date when

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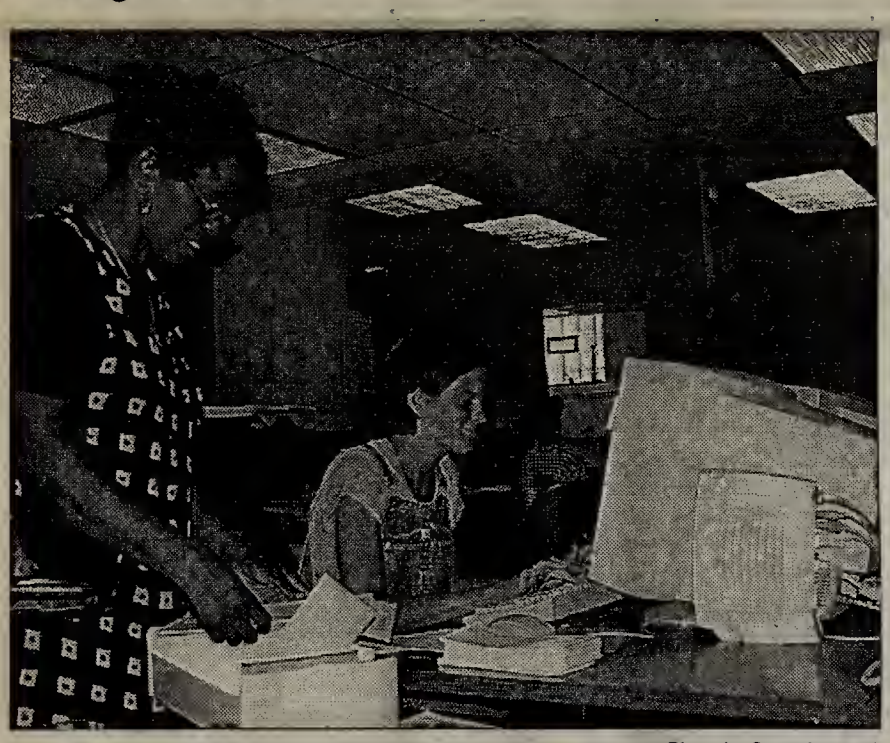
Late registration ends



Students Mary Andrews, undecided (left), and Susan Boyle, senior Psychology major (right), take care of late registration on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Late registration ended last week.

Photo by Gregg Leonard

New foreign language theater shows foreign films on campus

AMARACHI IGBOEGWU
Staff Writer

By mid-September the Theatre/Multimedia facility located in Room in CLO-110 building will be showing foreign films. This theatre will be open to the public, and students and possibly high school students. Some of the foreign films will be available in French, Spanish, German and Italian. The theatre can accommodate approximately 49 people. There are about 400 foreign films available at the International Media Center.

The theatre has been in the works for about four years and was a goal for Jorge Roman-Lagunas the department chair of the foreign language office. This new facility was possible with the new building and it has made his dream a reality. Lagunas said he always wanted to have a foreign language lab and a theatre where people could watch foreign films. This new addition to the foreign language department is help serve the region culturally due to its cultural diversity also. Next semester more languages will be taught at PUC. The classes will be Italian

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FDA approves 'morning-after' pills

JUDY PERES
Knight-Ridder

One of the best-kept secrets in America is finally out of the closet.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday gave the green light to a New Jersey company to advertise and sell emergency contraceptive pills that women can take after unprotected sex to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Kits of the "morning-after" contraceptive pills, trade-named PREVEN, will be available by prescription by the end of September, said Roderick Mackenzie, chairman and founder of Gynetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J.

> **"One out of every two women aged 15-44 has had at least one unintended pregnancy."**
> James Trussel, professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University

Although the pills are safe, legal and relatively effective - and have been available for more than 20 years - most American women and even some doctors are not aware of their existence.

"One out of every two women aged 15-44 has had at least one unintended pregnancy," said James Trussell, professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University and former director of its Office of Population Research.

Trussell and others estimate that the pills could avert 1.7 million pregnancies and 800,000 abortions a year in the U.S. if everyone knew about and used them.

"Fifty percent of all pregnancies are unintended - that's 3 million a year," Trussell said. "In contrast, only 10 percent of women know emergency contraception is available in this country ... and only 1 percent have ever used it."

Public health officials and promoters of emergency contraception said Wednesday's FDA action would change that.

"The biggest single barrier (to widespread awareness of emergency contraception) has been the lack of a dedicated product, because there were no drug companies out there marketing or pro-

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Professional Work Experience Program offers opportunities

STEVE MELCHER
Staff Writer

PUC students looking for an opportunity to fatten their resume as well as their wallets should look no further.

The Office of Career Development and Placement will be offering orientations for Co-op (cooperative education) and internship programs available to students on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 12:30-2p.m. in SFLC-301 and Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7-8:30p.m. in SFLC-321.

Professional Work Experience Programs has several Co-op's and internships available for students with companies such as LTV Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Amsted Industries, OSI Industries, Panduit Corporation, and many more.

According to James Stange, assistant director of Career Placement, approximately 50 percent of CO-OP students are offered full-time employment with the company they were working with after graduation. Internship hiring percentages are slightly higher. Stange also states a 10-15 percent higher salary for college graduates with Co-op or intern on their resume, which can mean a $3,000 to $5,000 additional pay due to the added experience.

Pay scales for the programs vary with the corporation in which the students works. Co-op's average $9-$14 per hour and some internships average $8-$10 per hour.

Requirements for the Co-op program are completion of freshman year, minimum grade point average of 2.7 on a four point scale, participation in orientation and professional development workshops, and admission in to a major compatible with a need of the corporation. The requirements for internship are enrollment in PUC in an academic pro-

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Drop classes before Sept. 10 for a 60 percent refund. Drop before Sept. 17 for 40 percent refund.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

A new place to park on campus

The beginning of another academic year brings the typical frustration and confusion about where to park on campus.

Most of the vehicular congestion the first two weeks of classes has occurred at the north end of campus. That is understandable, given that with the opening this fall of the Classroom Office Building the vast majority of academic activity now takes place at the north end.

...And especially from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Try the P10 lot

Our suggestion for minimizing parking hassles is to set your sights a bit south.

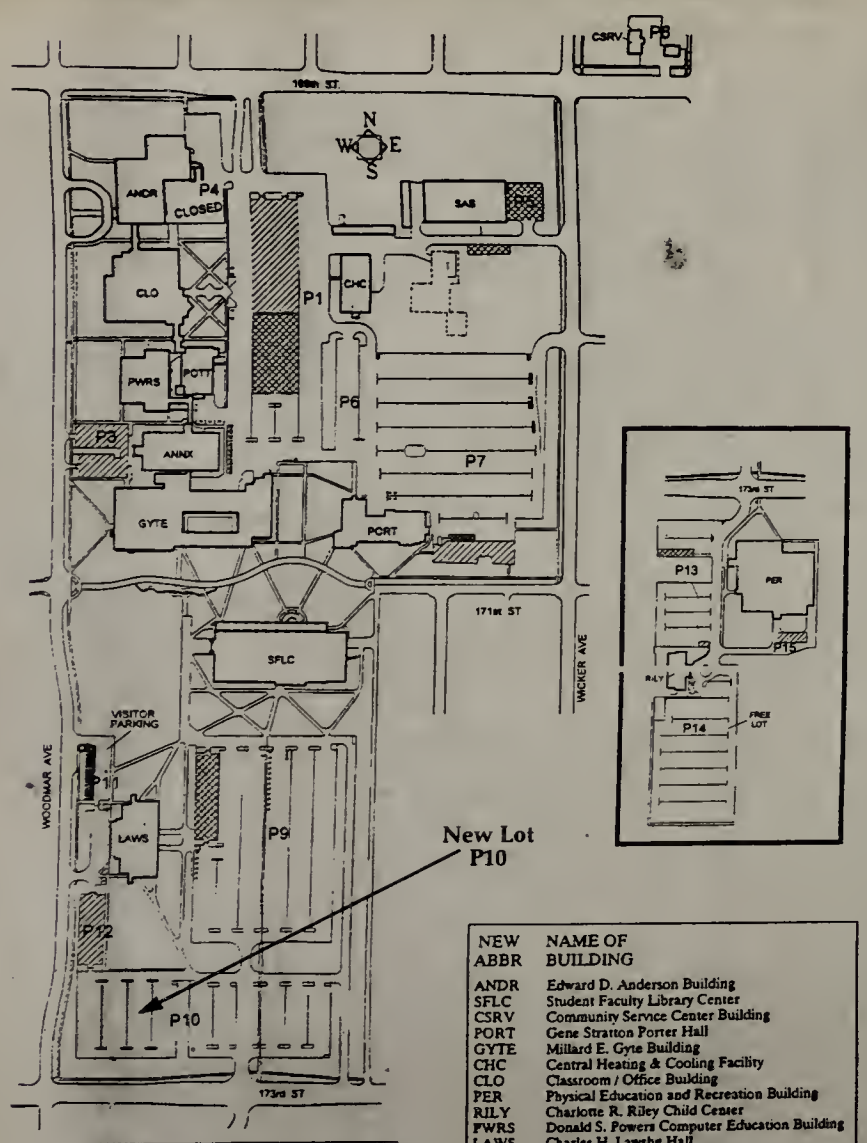
During the summer, a 150-space parking addition was developed south of Lawshe Hall, just north of 173rd Street; it's part of the P10 lot — see designation in the graphic below.

The P10 lot is accessible from 173rd Street at the traffic light. As you head onto campus from the traffic light, follow the pavement directional arrows and turn left.

Allow plenty of time...

For evening students, the graphic below notes the availability of certain lots later in the day. But regardless of where or when you park, please consider the following advice:

- Give yourself plenty of time to arrive at campus.
- In the event you do not, assume so-called prime parking is full. Park, instead, in perimeter lot locations.
- If you choose to park off campus, on residential streets, heed the signs—or you'll be ticketed by Hammond police.



NEW ABBR	NAME OF BUILDING
ANDR	Edward D. Anderson Building
SFLC	Student Faculty Library Center
CSRV	Community Service Center Building
PORT	Gene Stratton Porter Hall
GYTE	Millard E. Gyte Building
CHC	Central Heating & Cooling Facility
CLO	Classroom / Office Building
PER	Physical Education and Recreation Building
RILY	Charlotte R. Riley Child Center
PWRS	Donald S. Powers Computer Education Building
LAWS	Charles H. Lawshe Hall
POTT	Audrey A. Potter Building
SAS	Shops & Stores Building
ANNX	Millard E. Gyte Annex

At a glance

around campus

Sigma Lambda Beta seeks members

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc. is seeking prospective members for the fall semester. Rush table will be in the SFLC Concourse C-100 Sept. 8 through Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Oscar at 659-1511.

Biology club meets

The Biology Club will be having its first meeting Wednesday, Sept. 9 at noon in GYTE-18. All students interested in biology are welcome.

Student Senator positions available

Student Government announces three Senate positions available for the 1998-1999 academic year. Applications are available at the SFLC Information Center; the Office of Student Activities, SFLC-339; and the Student Government Office, SFLC-324G.

Completed forms are due by Friday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities. Applicants must also appear for an interview on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Only PUC students with a minimum graduation index of 2.0 are eligible to apply.

Space allocation process underway

The Space Allocation Committee is requiring a student organization office space allocation applications to be completed and returned to the Office of Student Activities by Monday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. All student organizations requesting office must also have an updated organization data sheet and a working constitution on file. Allocations will announced Monday, Sept. 21.

Society for Human Resource Management meets

The Society for Human Resource Management will meet for the first time Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. in GYTE-007A. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Retrace the underground railroad

The PUC Ethnic Studies Program will retrace one of the routes of the Underground Railroad Oct. 16 and 17. Participants will enjoy travel on a luxury tour bus, four meals, guided tours and one night hotel accommodations based upon double room occupancy. The cost of the trip is $160. Final payment is due by Sept. 16. For more information, contact Professor Gisele Casanova-Oates at 989-2781.

Habitat for Humanity hosts walk-a-thon/bike-a-thon

Habitat for Humanity will host a walk-a-thon/bike-a-thon Saturday, Sept. 19. Starting times will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and starting points will be located at sites along the bike trail which runs from Highland to Crown Point. The entrance fee is $5 for adults and $2 for children. For more information, contact 922-6407.

ALSO presents 'El Jardin'

The Alliance of Latino Student Organizations announces the production of "El Jardin" by Carlos Morton. The play, set in both English and Spanish, tells the "straight to the point" view about how the Mexican-American has evolved and why. The performances take place in Alumni Hall Sept. 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m. and 27 at 1:30 p.m. An audience discussion will take place following the Sunday program. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in joining the chorus, helping with costumes, publicity, or wishing to display artwork, please contact Summer Coronado at either coronasm@axp.calumet.purdue.edu or 838-1505.

Not-for-profit groups sought for hidden forest

The Lake County Parks is seeking not-for-profit adult groups to participate in the annual Forbidden Forest at Lemon Lake County Park on Oct. 29, 30, 31. There are a limited number of scenes available for groups who wish to participate in this fundraising event. Interested groups should call Sandy at 769-PARK for an application form.

SSF cards available

The Office of Student Activities will no longer mail Student Service Fee (SSF) cards. Those students who would like a SSF card may obtain one upon request at the Satellite Bursar's, in PER-104. The office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students must present a State ID or a Driver's License to obtain a SSF card. Also, SSF cards will not be available until after Sunday, Sept. 2. For more information, contact Michelle at 989-2369.

Quote of the week

'The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary.'

-Mary V. Smith unknown

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Wage gap between sexes is still great

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The AFL-CIO's website gives a taste of a very real problem

After you've finished your paper and coffee and you're ready for a little excitement, check out the AFL-CIO's new Equal Pay Web site at www.aflcio.org/women/equalpay.htm.

The organization was scheduled to launch the site Tuesday morning. But be prepared. What you see is likely to give you a greater jolt than your morning java.

You'll be able to plug in your age, education and work experience to see exactly how significant the pay gap is between men and women over a lifetime of work.

"On the average, women earn only 74 cents on the dollar compared to men."
AFL-CIO

For example, if you're a 29-year-old college educated women you're on average earning $34,000 a year. Your male counterpart with the same stats earns $44,350 annually.

It sounds bad enough when you see a $10,000 difference in pay. It's even worse when you realize that the wage gap will add up to $990,000 over your lifetime.

That's enough to buy 43,212 restaurant meals, which would let you eat every meal out for 39 years. Maybe you'd rather spend that money enjoying 14 years vacationing at the beach in Jamaica? Closer to home, that money would provide 2,475 youngsters with school clothes and supplies.

Survey says femininity is attractive to both genders

College Press Exchange

Both men and women like feminine facial features over masculine

When it comes to attractiveness, feminine is best, a new study suggests.

Researchers at St. Andrews University in Scotland and Otemon-Gakuin University in Japan digitized the faces of Asian and Caucasian students of both genders, carefully analyzing each face to determine the average size of its dimensions and features. The researchers then manipulated the computerized images to produce versions that were more feminine, masculine and gender-neutral.

More than 90 people in Japan and Scotland were asked to choose the most attractive face from sets that included an average face and its masculine and feminine versions. Both men and women chose the feminized versions of each face, researchers said. The effect was even stronger when subjects were asked to evaluate faces from their own ethnic group.

The study's findings contradict earlier predictions made by evolutionary psychologists, who have said masculine, not feminine, features are perceived as being more attractive in men because stronger features are an outward sign of strength.

Researchers said the recent study instead suggests that masculine features among men may be deemed less attractive because they are associated with undesirable traits, such as aggression and dishonesty.

Pill

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moting the product," Trussell said. "That will change as of today."

PREVEN is 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy. For every 100 women who have unprotected sex during the second or third week of their menstrual cycle, Trussell explained, eight would be expected to become pregnant if they did nothing. But among those who take emergency contraceptive pills, only two will became pregnant.

Although nearly all gynecologists, family practice physicians and nurse practitioners think emergency contraception is safe and effective, Trussell said, only 10 percent routinely counsel women in advance.

"This (FDA approval) will mean more publicity. It'll be easier for people to get. And maybe more clinicians will become aware, too," said Diane Judge, a nurse practitioner and director of Womancare at the University of Chicago Hospital.

Although Womancare, like Planned Parenthood and many student health clinics, has offered emergency contraceptive pills for two decades, most women don't know enough to request them, she said.

Gynetics won the first FDA approval to market and sell the pills, which are standard oral contraceptives taken in higher doses. The woman will take two pills within 72 hours of unprotected sex, followed by two more pills 12 hours later.

Women can do the same thing now with any of eight brands of common birth-control pills, provided they know enough to ask for a prescription. But the dosage varies depending on the brand of pill, and many doctors aren't clear on the regimen, Judge said.

The 'morning after' pills
- This pill is 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy.
- The total amount of pills that need to be taken is 4.
- The pills must be taken no later than 72 hours after sex.

Last year the FDA issued instructions about which pills and dosages were effective as post-coital contraceptives. Wednesday's action for the first time allows a pharmaceutical company to advertise and sell specially packaged kits of emergency contraceptive pills that women can keep in their medicine cabinets.

Anti-abortion groups threatened to picket and protest.

"We'll find out where (Gynetics) is and bring the troops in," said Joseph Scheidler, director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League. "It won't go unprotested, because it's another form of murder."

Scheidler and other anti-abortion activists consider emergency contraception a euphemism for very early abortion.

But doctors agree that PREVEN and similar pills do not abort pregnancies, but rather delay or prevent ovulation. They may also prevent an egg from being fertilized by sperm or prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterine lining.

"The pills will not work if a woman is already pregnant and will not affect a pregnancy," said Dr. Carolyn Westhoff, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University.

The medical definition of pregnancy - unlike some religious definitions of the beginning of life - is based on implantation.

Y2K

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the intemal clock inside computers will rollover from 12-31-99 to 01-01-00. When this happens computers may interpret the date as 1900 instead of 2000, a software glitch that could affect every mainframe computer and PC in the world. In the 1960's and 70's computer memory was expensive and in short supply. In an effort to save space, computer programmers used 6 digits to represent dates, for example, 12-12-99 as opposed to 8 digits like, 12-12-1999. This is known among computer programmers as the Year 2000 Bug. The Y2K Bug could cause some programs to produce unreliable output.

PUC's Project 2000 team consists of three full-time staff members, one graduate assistant and three students. However, the team size may vary and additional staff will be included as the need arises

according to De Borah Williams, PUC analyst programmer and Project 2000 team leader.

The Project 2000 team currently maintains a website which details the steps involved in ensuring Y2K compliance. The website offers students and staff some testing tools used in making sure your home PC is Y2K compliant.

Each university department is responsible for hardware and software upgrades. The Project 2000 team's mission is to "be the catalyst" for compliance according to Williams.

According to Williams,"Year 2000 Compliance Project has high priority in the university system."

To find out more information on the Year 2000 Compliance Project, go to the PUC website, click on the Faculty/Staff menu, then scroll down to the Computing Technology and Information Services website and click on Project 2000.

Co-op

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gram, completion of the first semester of your major, to be in good academic standing, and participate in Professional Development Workshops.

Some majors are awarded credit hours for Co-op and intern work experience, and educational assistance is offered by some corporations.

Additional information can be acquired at the Office of Career Development and Placement at 989-2419, SFLC-349.

Theater

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Chinese and Swahili. Greek and Hebrew classes are already being taught.

It is the hope of the foreign language department that more languages will be taught at at PUC. "Our mission is to teach languages and culture as well as to increase awareness within the university and community at large," said Roman-Lagunas. The Director of the IMC, Nancy Tilka also said, "I hope it will allow students, foreign language teachers on the secondary level and other members of the community the opportunity of viewing foreign films otherwise unavailable in this area."

The foreign language department hopes to become a well known center for the study of foreign languages not only for traditional languages but for non-traditional ones too. It also hopes to improve training of foreign language high school teachers.

Presently, the department offers a masters degree in Foreign Language, Foreign Language with a international studies option, Foreign language teaching in Spanish, French and German. The department also would like to have a masters program in Hispanic Studies.

The Theatre/Multimedia facility will be promoted through flyers, the Chronicle and press releases in the local newspaper. Some films will also be shown both in the afternoon and evenings to accommodate schedules. The official opening of the theatre is to be announced.

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Refund policy lacks consistency

The schedule for 100 percent course refund after the first week of classes is unfair and unclear.

The current policy for 100 percent course refund allows students five business days after the first day of classes to receive a full refund. Considering that we started classes on Thursday, Aug. 27, this means that a 100 percent refund was only available until Wednesday, Sept. 2.

There are certain classes which meet only Wednesday evenings. If you enrolled in one of these classes you would have needed to decide to drop the class before the class met for the first time in order to receive a 100 percent refund or make arrangements with your advisor immediately after the deadline. Students in this situation should not have to decide before a class meets for the first time to get a full refund.

According to the Office of the Registrar, students who wished to drop those classes for full refund the next day in this situation would have been considered on a case by case basis. As long as the student had a legitimate reason to drop the class, then a full refund may be granted by permission of the advisor and the Dean of *Students*.

This could lead to extreme confusion and inefficiency in the in the refund process.

The policy of considering full refunds in this special situation on a case by case basis lacks consistency. The ability to gain full refund in this special circumstance is not explained anywhere in the Schedule of classes and there is nothing that explains what exactly constitutes a legitimate reason.

In addition, does the ability to bend the stated rules in the Schedule of classes apply to the other refund deadlines as well? This could lead to extreme confusion and inefficiency in the in the refund process.

A clear line must be drawn somewhere on the refund policy. The university should extend the full refund to at least until the first full week of classes is completed. This would provide students at least two extra days to make a costly decision and eliminate the need for any special circumstances.

This new policy should be clearly stated in the Schedule of classes and it would reflect a more clear and fair approach to the refund process.

However, students should possess the maturity to not drop a class on a whim. Students should not drop a class solely on the basis of the personality of an instructor. Students should understand they will be dealing with difficult people throughout life. Tough it out and stick with the class. It is a valuable lesson to learn.

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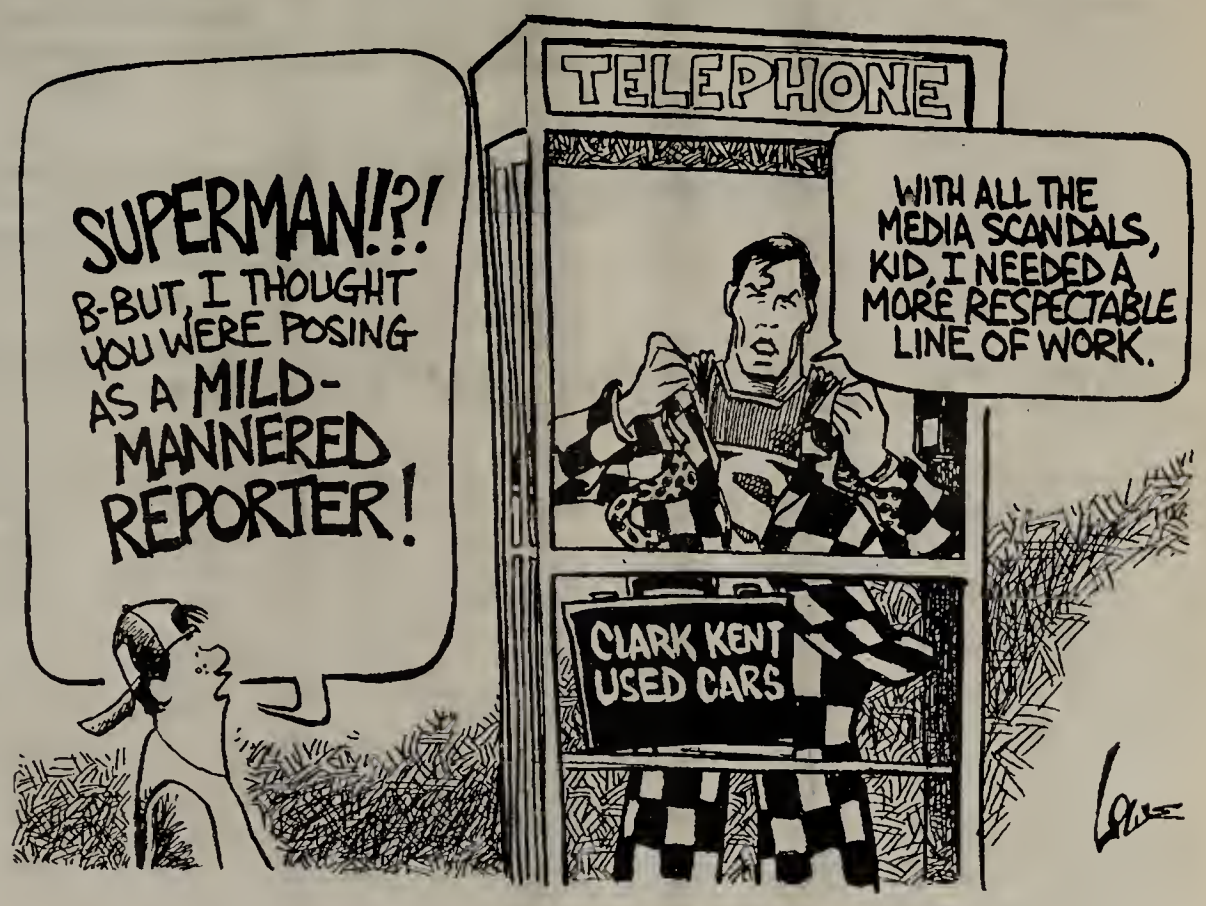

Year 2000:
End of the world as we know it?

BOB BOWERS
Oklahoma Daily

The first thing you'll notice upon waking up is the cold. Then you'll realize you overslept because your alarm is off. When you turn on a light, nothing happens. No phone. No water. You may be hung over from the previous night's party, but it won't take long for the reality to set in.

You remember back in 1996, when the initial panic surfaced about the Year 2000 bug? Perhaps the most severe industrial glitch to ever occur, Y2K is the ultimate example of how shortcuts can come back to haunt us.

By using a two-digit system to record the year, programmers of the 1960s saved valuable space on their computers. They knew things would turn nasty when 2000 rolled around if people were still using the same style of embedded chips. Computers would read the "00" as meaning 1900. Meanwhile, mistakes have already started to occur. Retail store computers crash when trying to process credit cards with a 2000 expiration date.

Computers think people born in the 1890s were born in the 1990s, and old people are getting invitations to preschool.

When the century turns, Social Security recipients will be in trouble. The computer will think most of them have not been born yet. Although more than half of the Fortune 500 companies say have Y2K solutions, and the President's Year 2000 Conversion Council says the government will be ready, less than 40 percent of American electric companies have a plan to deal with the problem.

Billions can be spent on new chips, codes and software to stop the bug in American commerce, but there are documented cases of seasoned computer experts hired to fix the bug for large companies, then stocking up food and guns and moving to the woods after realizing the great amount of time and money it takes to fix the bug.

If the status quo continues, apocalyptic, religious fanatics all over the world will find out they were right after all. The first to die will be senior citizens and anyone on life support. The lack of heat and water will take a toll. The stock market will have crashed, so credit cards and checks are useless. Then things will turn violent. With alarm systems down and police response disabled, looting will run rampant. Grocery stores and gun shops will be prime targets.

Few cars will run because gas pumps won't work without electricity. Battles will be fought over control of grain elevators. Martial law will be declared, but will be highly ineffective because the nation's military must also focus on national security.

So, allow me to be the first to say, 485 days in advance, have a happy, happy New Year.

The People speak

Question of the Week: Where do you see yourself ten years from now?

by Amarachi Igboegwu
Staff Writer

"Ten years from now I see myself as a successful clinical psychologist with my own practice and married to the man I love."

Nikki Storck
junior, pre-veterinary

"In a vet office, with a house and kids far from Hammond."

Darrell D. Ford
freshman, physical therapy

"In ten years I see myself playing overseas basketball, married to my girlfriend of three years Brandi Echols, and living with no worries in the world."

Rosetta Cox
sophomore, psychology

"Ten years from now I see myself as a psychiatrist or a an psychiatric nurse. Also, I plan to be very successful and have my own business."

Dave Pennington
freshman, architectural enginerring technology

"Ten years from now I plan to have a house and a family and be an architect."

Emily Freeh
sophomore, secondary education

"I plan on being married, with a family and a good teaching job."

Photo by Gregg Leonard

This guy is cool

Freshman Steve Burke, CIS/Net enjoys the outdoors while reading the Chronicle. His favorite are Sports and Features.

Classifieds

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STILL STRONG

Liz Phair proves that after a marriage and a child, she's still got what it takes

MARTI TRGOVICH
Production Assistant

The birth of your first child doesn't always result in minivans and Tupperware parties.

At least, that's not what motherhood means for Liz Phair whose third album, Whitechocolatespaceegg, was released on Matador Records on Aug. 11. She's gotten married and given birth to a son since her release of Matador's Whip-Smart in 1994. The birth of her child, however, has not unnecessarily softened her music or her attitude.

Album	Whitechocolatespaceegg
Artist	Liz Phair
Rating	9 of 10

In fact, the only thing that's a bit tamer is her voice. I was, at first, disappointed to find that the 31-year-old had taken voice lessons for her new album. I'd enjoyed the grittiness of her voice on her first album Exile in Guyville. It was a style she'd carried into Whip-Smart, also. But I was surprised to discover that the taming of Phair's voice adds to the appeal of pop songs such as the much-played, radio-friendly "Polyester Bride." The song puts her in a new league, appealing to those who didn't enjoy the low-fi rawness of Exile.

But Phair's voice is powerful as ever, despite the singing lessons. Phair, who writes all of her own songs, combines vulnerability with strength. Whitechocolatespaceegg naturally has somewhat of a different sound than Exile or Whip-Smart. It's more polished, and a bit more refined.

Still, Whitechocolatespaceegg hasn't lost any of Phair's strong, unrelenting lyricism.

Her song-writing still conveys controversial, or at least wild, vivid images, such as in "Johnny Feelgood": "I hate him all the time/But I still get up/When he knocks me down/And he orders me around/'Cause it loosens me up/And I can't get enough."

As with Exile and Whip-Smart, there's more to these songs than just layers of stylish, catchy melodies and witty lyrics. They have a substance that goes beyond any sophomoric attempt at writing a popular song.

As with "Polyester Bride" and "Johnny Feelgood,"

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Phair facts/bio:

Born April 17, 1967 in New Haven, Conn.
Adopted as an infant
Family moved to Winnetka, Ill. where she was raised
Majored in art at Oberlin College in Ohio
Lived in a flat in San Francisco for several years – which she doesn't like to talk about – after college
In 1995, married Jim Staskausas, a film editor who helped out on Phair's first video, "Stratford-on-Guy"
Gave birth to James Nicholas Staskauskas early in 1996
Currently lives in Chicago's Lincoln Park

Horoscopes

For The Week Of Sept. 7, 1998

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your luck in love is excellent Monday and Tuesday. You might even be inspired to make a forever commitment, or up the ante on the one you've got. Start an outrageous project together. You and your sweetheart are awesome when you share the same goal. Get into the working part of the project on Thursday and Friday, even if it's really hard. You won't have as much to do over the weekend, but you'll be coming up with great ideas then. Jot them down. Sources say that you should join the Chronicle this month.

Aries (March 21-April 19). You're hot Monday and Tuesday. Do the job perfectly, and you could be in for a nice reward later in the week. Money's available from Wednesday through Friday, but it's not from winning the lottery. It's from being excellent in what you're doing. Update your skills over the weekend by working closely with someone who knows what you don't. Soak up an older person's wisdom on Sunday.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). The pressure's intense on Monday and Tuesday, but you're smart and getting smarter. Your sweetheart also feeds you information you need, and provides lots of great ideas. Love blossoms Wednesday through Thursday, as you plot the course you want to take together. There are still a couple of obstacles, but you won't let them stop you. They could slow you down on Friday and Saturday, however. By late Sunday, you should have found a way around most of your problems and be snugly reviewing your progress. Congratulate yourself with a special treat.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Your home can be exactly the way you want it, but it's going to take work. Ask friends to help on Monday and Tuesday with the hard stuff. Pull strings behind the scenes to get your financing in shape on Wednesday and Thursday. That includes asking for a better deal than the one that's marked on the item. You're forceful and creative from Friday through Sunday, but you also have to know what you're talking about. Otherwise, you won't make the sale.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). An older person is irritating Monday and Tuesday, but show respect anyway, even if you know more than the other person thinks you do. On Wednesday and Thursday, your friends provide the structure you need to accomplish your goals. Rely on them. Friday and Saturday; it's the grapevine you need to tap into. You'll find the information you need by asking a friend of a friend. On Sunday,

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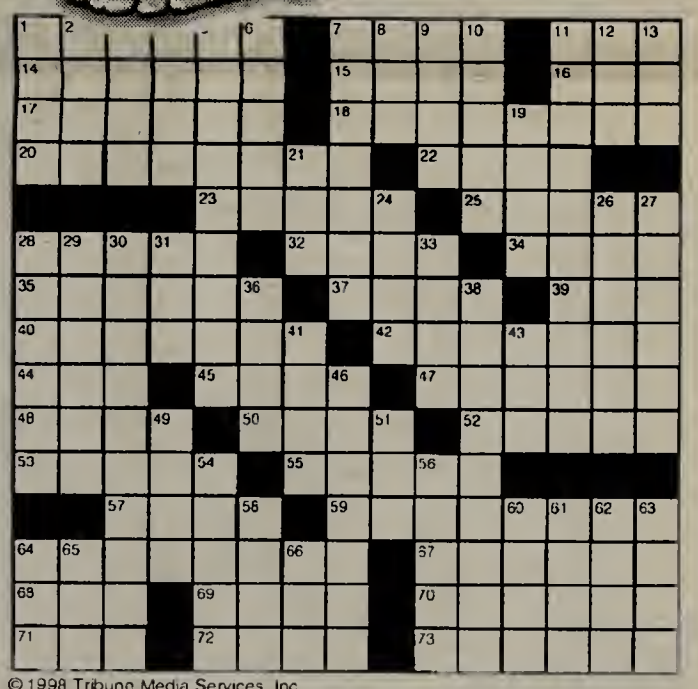

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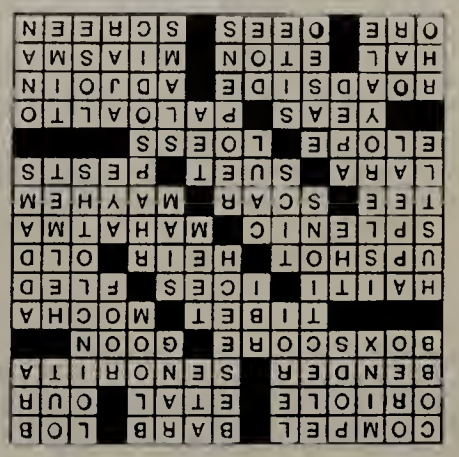

With the release of her latest album *whitechocolatespaceegg*, Liz Phair has shown that she is still going strong. With her marriage and her first child, she remains as powerful and heartfelt as ever.

Also by Liz Phair:

■ Exile in Guyville (1993, Matador Records) – Phair's answer to the Rolling Stones' Exile on Main Street, Phair recorded these low-fi, gritty songs and proved that women know how to play guitar, too.

■ Whip-Smart (1994, Matador) – Featuring the popular "Supernova" track, there's a lot more to Phair's second attempt. There's the pop sounds of tracks such as "May Queen," but songs such as "X-ray Man" are more reminiscent of Exile.

■ Juvenilia (1995, Matador) – It's an EP which features songs Phair supposedly wrote early in her career, even before Exile. Despite some of the songs' "juvenille" nature, they offer a lot of depth which the lyrics alone can't explain. One has to listen. But, as an example, take "Batmobile": "Fire up the Batmobile/'Cause I gotta get out of here...I look around and feel like somebody must be f***ing with me/And I can't take any of you seriously."

■ Soundtracks which feature a song by Phair include: Higher Learning (1994, Epic); Amateur (1995, Matador); Brain Candy (1996, Matador); and Stealing Beauty (1996, Capitol).

■ Phair also is featured on two compilations: Saturday Morning (Cartoons' Greatest Hits) (1995, MCA); and What's up Matador (1997, Matador).

■ Bootlegs include The Girlysound Demos, (1991) which was recorded in Phair's Winnetka, Ill. bedroom. There are also several live performance recordings from 1993-95.

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some of the best songs on Whitechocolatespaceegg were produced by Brad Wood, who also – along with Phair – produced all the songs on Exile.

"What Makes You Happy" is a conversation between a mother and a daughter, who once again thinks she's found a prospective soul mate: "This one is going to last and all those other bastards/Were only practice!"

Along with other songs, which were produced by Phair or Scott Litt, the album reflects a diverse mixture of music. There's the pop songs, but Phair experiments with honky-tonk on "Baby Got Going" and with a folky sound on songs such as "Uncle Alvarez" (produced by Wood) and "Perfect World."

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you're looking very good. Start a new project then.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're getting more practical, but sometimes it's a struggle. On Monday and Tuesday, you'd definitely rather be doing something else. Work-related travel may be your best compromise. There's a chance for great riches on Wednesday and Thursday. Your contact person could be a jovial foreigner. Your team comes to the rescue on Friday. Whatever you need to do will be easier with everyone working together. That's your theme through Saturday, too, even on household chores. On Sunday, however, you'll have to take time for personal matters. Make a decision in private to resolve something you've been worrying about.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mate and your friends seem to know what's best for you, but you might still be worried. You're focusing more on the overview, while they see the details. Basically, all of you are right. If you're negotiating a financial deal Wednesday or Thursday, you may have to be the one to compromise. The others are pretty much locked in their positions. Travel looks pretty good Friday and Saturday, but there will be complications. If you anticipate them, you can get through just fine, but don't be a ditz about it. An older person has something important to teach you on Sunday. Accept the coaching.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The work load is horrible Monday, but gets easier Tuesday as your team comes to your rescue. However, you have to teach

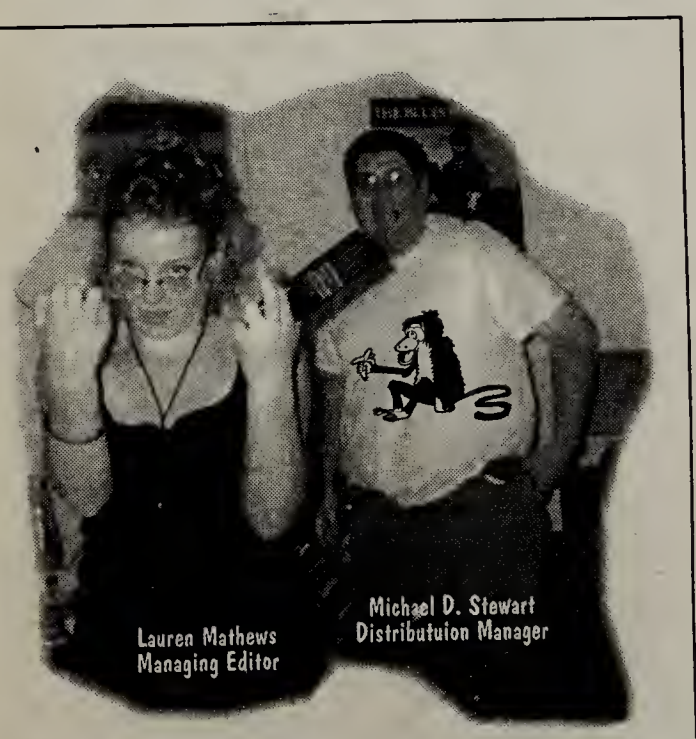
the team what to do or that won't happen. A loved one is very helpful on Wednesday and, especially, Thursday. He or she sees exactly what needs to be done, so take the coaching. Money is tight on Friday and Saturday. Get your group to work on the project and you won't need it. Go for a jaunt by water on Sunday for the fun of it, and also to reap hidden benefits.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do your work with military precision Monday and Tuesday to impress a persnickety boss. Once you get into it, you'll be really good at it. Perseverance pays off on Wednesday and Thursday. Show you're in it for the long haul by making a commitment, too. It's almost impossible to do what everybody wants on Friday and Saturday, but you take it all into consideration. They'll appreciate your thoughtfulness and maybe even work out a compromise you can live with. Ask to see the money before you make a deal on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're getting a shove in the right direction from a loved one. Thank him or her for the encouragement Monday and Tuesday. Romance goes from fantasy to reality on Wednesday and Thursday. If there's a difference between you, bridge the gap. Looks like you're pretty busy Friday and Saturday. Better schedule your date for Sunday, instead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). You're especially intelligent on Monday and Tuesday, so you should be able to answer the question correctly and win the money. You'll need more time to think things over on Wednesday and Thursday, so don't rush into anything then. Romance looks pretty good Friday and Saturday, but money's still a little tight. That's OK. You get the better end of the deal. Find a job you can do for someone else on Sunday, and you might solve the other problem, too.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Money's burning a hole in your pocket on Monday and Tuesday. If you must spend it, get a nice gift for your mate or the person you'd most like to have fill that position. Study hard on Wednesday and Thursday. Actually, it won't be hard. It'll be a lot easier then. It'll certainly be easier than it will be on Friday, when distractions keep you from concentrating.



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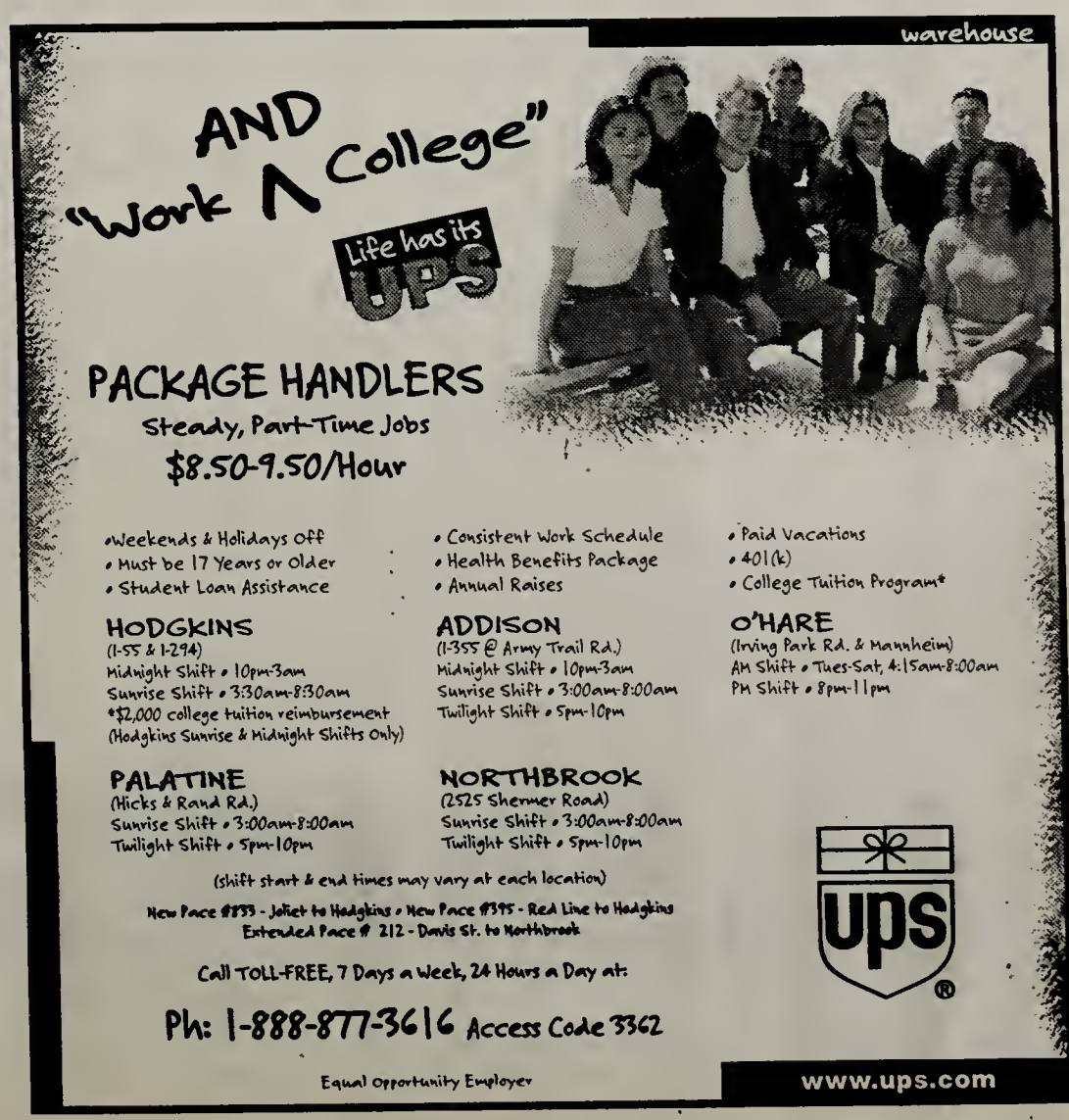

Cheer and dance team earn honors

At a recent Cheer and Dance Competition, the ladies surpassed expectations

J.B. LYLES
Sports Editor

Sunday evenings in the PER Building at 6:30 p.m., the Laker Dance Team works on new steps to a routine. As the cheer team enters the gym and starting their warm ups to their practice. And in the middle of it all, a confident Wendy Saylor tries to keep the ladies from talking to each other and focusing on the task ahead.

The Cheer and Dance team took a long drive down to Norma, Ill. to a Dance and Cheer camp earlier in August and all that practice leading to that day paid off dividends a big way. The Cheer team earned 4 ribbons (3 Superiors and a Outstanding) plus they earned a superior trophy for their work.

Sherri Terrell, a two year member entering her third, said "I thought we could have done better, but by the end of the week we were really crabby and really tired. Plus half our team left on the last day, so we couldn't compete on the last day. But we worked our butts off and we are proud of what we accomplish."

"We are proud of what we accomplished."
Wendy Saylor,
Laker Dance and
Cheer team coach

On the flip side, the Dance squad earned 12 superior and excellent ribbons, plus also won the highest award they could get, the Superior Award for the best performance. They have also won Most Collegiate Award from the camp staff, and the Leadership Award which was voted by their peers.

Kris Wisniewski, a second year member of the squad, said of this years team is going to be better technique and there will be a lot of excitement with this team.

Both teams speaked highly of their sponsor, Wendy Saylor. She is volunteering her time to help out with both programs. Wisniewski said, "She is God!" Pretty much every member said the same thing, "She takes time out of her busy schedule to make all of this happen."

Wendy says "I am proud of their accomplishments." On expectations she says, "We just try to get better and better year after year. We are trying to improve on quality not quantity. We are also trying to get recognition from the university, the athletic department, as well as the community. I just want people to know actually that we have teams that's where the recognition comes from. Because some people don't even know that we have an athletic program."

"We're have half of both squads returning and some new faces in the mix. Hopefully the Cheer team will become a Varsity team in a year and the Dance team to become Varsity in about two. They aren't getting scholarships, so I give a lot of credit to both squads," said Wendy

"I know what they are saying about my volunteering, they are here because they like what they do and they do it the fun of it. It's all the squads and I'm not going to say anything about myself, " said Wendy.

The Cheer Team and Dance Team will be performing at all Men's Basketball home games, beginning November 7.

During college football, defense never falls out of style

ANDREW BAGNATO
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO - Here in the Land of 1,000 Linebackers, the infrastructure of college football is built on defense.

For years, Big Ten coaches shopped for talent at Butkus 'R Us. "Son, if you want to play flag football," they would tell recruits, "go to the Sun Belt."

This approach didn't always translate into national success, as evidenced by the Big Ten's woeful bowl record in the '70s and '80s. A lot of cement-footed Big Ten defenses spent a lot of time chasing smaller, quicker players from the Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference into a lot of end zones.

But while trendy offensive strategies come and go, defense never falls out of style. With a new season about to unfold, defense has become as popular as body-piercing on campuses across the country.

In Florida, the most visible quarterback plays for unheralded Central Florida, while traditional powers Florida State and Florida head into the season with relatively anonymous signal-callers. So why are the Seminoles ranked second and the Gators third in the preseason Associated Press media poll?

Defense. Down in the swamps, they put it this way: Them boys'll hitchee.

Out in the wide-open Western Athletic Conference, the conference crown belongs to Colorado State, whose fist-in-the-facemask defense led the Rams to an 11-2 record a year ago. Colorado State finished first in the nation in tumover margin - a stat that testifies to a team's ability to take away the ball, as well as protect - and ranked seventh in scoring defense.

Of the top 50 teams in scoring defense, only four finished with losing records last year. By contrast, nine of the top 50 teams in scoring offense were losers.

The message is clear: If you want to be featured on the cable-TV highlights Saturday night, make a lot of pretty throws and catches. If you want to win games, hit the other team's throwers and catchers so hard they don't wake up until Wednesday.

Playing on defense used to be a one-way ticket to Anonymityville. But defensive players are grabbing the headlines, in good and bad ways.

Last December the biggest story in the sport was Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson. The Michigan cornerback became the first primarily defensive player to win the most prestigious individual award in college sports, though it's doubtful Woodson would have won if he hadn't also excelled as a wide receiver and punt returner.

"There aren't enough quarterbacks in college football, so people are putting nine men on the (defensive) line and saying, `You have to beat us (in the air).'"
Mack Brown
Texas coach

This summer the biggest story in college football has focused on the academic struggles of linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer of top-rated Ohio State.

There are still offensive stars aplenty. But in talent and speed, defenses have caught up.

"There aren't enough quarterbacks in college football," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "So people are putting nine men on the (defensive) line and saying, 'You have to beat us (in the air).'"

The emphasis on defense has begun to show up in national Division I-A statistics, where offenses have been setting records on an almost annual basis. In 1997, the national single-team scoring average failed to increase for only the sixth time in 18 seasons, holding steady at a record 25.5 points a game. And in the last two years the average single-team total offense has dipped from a record 372.8 yards a game to 366.3.

Despite the leveling off, the college game is still far more offense-minded than it was in 1968, when the average team scored about four fewer points and gained about 40 fewer yards than it does today.

Brown said he thinks the trend toward defense has trickled down from the NFL. Other coaches trace it back to Nebraska's 62-24 rout of Florida in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. In that game, the Cornhuskers' defense suffocated the Gators' fancy passing attack. Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, who would win the Heisman Trophy the next season, spent most of the night staring into the starry desert sky.

Spurrier is renowned for his zany, imaginative "ball plays," but he's no fool. Soon after the Fiesta Bowl debacle, he hired Bob Stoops as defensive coordinator and stepped up his commitment to recruiting defenders.

Stoops, a former Iowa defensive back, rewired a defense that helped lead Florida to its lone national title the next season. Last season the Gators ranked second against the run, and this year's defense is loaded with stars, including defensive end Ed Chester and linebackers Johnny Rutledge and Jevon Kearse.

One half of the 1997 national championship went to Nebraska, which finished fifth in total defense at 257 yards a game.

Nebraska also led the nation in scoring offense with 47.1 points a game. Teams still have to score to win. But it's easier to win if they don't have to score as much.

"You could score 100 points, but if you give up 101, you still lose," Michigan defensive coordinator Jim Herrmann said.

Fast Break

A brief look at PUC sports

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The PUC intramural League is starting a Volleyball League. Games are played on Thursdays, beginning September 24. There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the gym. All teams must have at least three women on each co-ed squad, with a maximum of eight players total. For information, please contact Bill Crowley at 989-2550 or Frank Saculla at 989-2367.

LETTER CLUB TOURNEY

The PUC Letter Club is sponsering a 3-on-3 basketball tourney on Wed., Sept. 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The deadline for signing up is Monday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. The cost is $20 for particapting and there will be a free throw contest and a three point shootout. For mor information, please contact Rita Harper or Martha Lowry at 989-2540.

FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE

The PUC Total Fitness Center is implenting phase one of their time changes for the fall schedule. The times are as follows: Monday-Thursday from 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday from 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday 7 a.m-1 p.m. They will not be open Sunday. For more information, please contact Wendy Saylor or John Bobalik at 989-2363.

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